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Column One
BY
David Courtney

STEP by step, with a stumble backwards every now and then, — there is no other way towards an international settlement. Austria has baulked the peacemakers for years. Now it has been straightened out to the common level of sovereign independence and the wider settlement has been brought a step nearer. It is worth noting that the initiative for an Austrian agreement came this time from the Soviet, which, in the past, had raised obstacles to the demands from Vienna and the Western Powers for the release of Austria from the bonds of four-Power occupation. Yesterday's signatures, therefore, complete one of the more substantial auguries of peace.

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THE new, free Austria is to base her world policy on neutrality. That, wrote the Chancellor, Herr Raab, in the "Neue Tagesseitung," is what the "overwhelming majority" of Austrians want. But the country's neutrality will be "eminently constructive," not passive; and will be based on the peaceful settlement of outstanding questions in Central Europe. Not since 1918 has this independent conception of Austria's role been possible. Her outlook, however, is "basically western and Christian" and her spiritual membership of the western world is a precondition for a constructive policy of neutrality. But there could be no question of Austria's becoming the "plaything of the Great Powers." A State cannot retire on pension.

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HERR Raab's survey of the future policy of Austria contained nothing to offend the Russians and much to satisfy the West. His country has done better, on the whole, than Germany. That is to say, the integrity of a unified State has been guaranteed without any of the guarantors requiring Austria to commit herself to either bloc whilst permitting it in general terms to be as "basically western and Christian" as it pleases. It was, of course, an easier question than Germany once the Soviet decided to shorten the line from its borders to central Europe and to make this gesture of good will. A neutral Austria is one thing, a neutral Germany of sixty-seven millions something quite different.

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BUT a good many of the sixty-seven millions may envy Austria's freedom of international manoeuvre. There are also many people outside, and to the west as well as to the east, who are attracted by the idea of a neutral Germany and urge it as part of a plan which would also neutralise the small States along Russia's western border. It is, indeed, an attractive idea; but it hardly goes with the recently concluded Warsaw conference and it presupposes not only Russia's willingness to keep out of all Europe except its own sector of it, but also western Europe's willingness to see American get out.

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THE Austrian treaty is not an augury of any such wholesale solution. Having come after the completion of the final stages in restoring sovereignty to West Germany, and side by side with the signing of the collective security pact in Warsaw, it may augur the readiness of both blocs to make the best of the policies of each. Marshal Koniev's new command may be considered fair balance to General Gruenther's; and the continued partition of Germany as, for the time being, a necessary evil. The trouble, of course, with this kind of necessary evil is that it is apt to grow worse. A kind of gentleman's agreement between East and West to let German unification hang fire might give impetus to German nationalism and heroic — or perhaps Hitlerian — stature to some new German demagogue ready to urge unification by arms. The questions to be discussed "at the summit" are serious indeed.

Jerusalem, May 16.

Fruit Pushes C-o-L Index Up One Point

The cost-of-living index rose by one point during April and now stands at 230, compared with 100 for the base month of September, 1951, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

Most of the rise was due to increases in the price of bananas, oranges, grapefruit and lemons.

C-o-L index figures for selected previous months are: January, 1952 — 213; October — 173; January, 1953 — 181; December — 212; January, 1954 — 214; December — 228; January, 1955 — 228.

Stricter Election Rules Likely For Civil Servants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday discussed election campaigning by Government officials and other election problems. It considered the advisability of issuing administrative orders which would further limit the participation of civil servants in campaign activities.

The present Knesset Election Law prohibits heads of departments and other senior officials or competent authorities from electioneering in areas to which their authority extends. The same is true of Jewish Agency officials.

The consensus in the Cabinet was that the prohibition be extended to other civil servants as well, and a committee of five was appointed to draft proposals on this subject. It consists of Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice; Mr. J. Serlin, Minister of Health; Mrs. G. Myerson, Minister of Labour; Dr. Y. Burg, Minister of Posts; and Mr. Z. Aranne, Minister without Portfolio.

The Cabinet decided to reverse its previous decision to propose an amendment to the Election Law permitting hospital patients to vote. It is understood this proposal was dropped because of technical difficulties and because of the opposition of physicians who claimed that the election atmosphere might be harmful to patients.

On the other hand, the Cabinet agreed to propose that policemen be permitted to vote at their stations by means of double envelopes. The reason for this is that they will be too busy maintaining order at polling places to go to their own election districts to vote.

The coming visit of Mr. Eric Johnston and the renewal of negotiations on Jordan water plans is to be discussed by the Cabinet next week.

The official Cabinet communique read:

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday:—

Heard a report by the Minister of Finance on his visit to South American countries, and on the management of the Development Loan in the U.S.;

Discussed the draft law on Knesset elections and decided to drop the proposal in connection with voting in hospitals; it was further decided to propose to the Knesset that voting arrangements be made for policemen similar to those for Army personnel;

Discussed the limits to the participation of Government employees in Knesset electioneering and is to take a decision on this at its next meeting.

Britons Cool To Election Battle

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Seldom has the country given so many demonstrations of mass enthusiasm for everything — except the outcome of the battle between Conservatives and Socialists in two weeks' time.

They are crowding in their tens of thousands to hear Preacher Billy Graham and to see visiting stars of the American stage. Great numbers will stay out of bed tomorrow to hear a radio ringside commentary on the Marciano-Cockwell fight for the world's heavyweight title in San Francisco (see story page 2).

Politicians striving to arouse voters from their apathy are experiencing all-time low records for attendance at their meetings. They said that the general apathy is due to absence of any passionate issue in the elections, and the fact that voters have already made up their minds which party they will support.

SHALEV-BURNS TO MEET ON EGYPT

The Staff Officer in charge of Mixed Armistice Commission Affairs, Sgan Aluf Arye Shalev, is expected to meet with General E.L.M. Burns and the Senior Egyptian M.A.C. delegate, Colonel Salah Gohar, on Wednesday for a discussion of the proposed Local Commanders agreement for the Gaza Strip, the U.N. spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The meeting will be a continuation of the talks initiated by General Burns at the beginning of the month, the spokesman added.

CAIRO CHARGES

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Egypt claimed tonight that Israel is maintaining attacks against the Gaza Strip in "defiance" of U.N. proposals to ease border tension between the two countries.

Lieutenant-Colonel Salah Gohar, Director of Palestine Affairs at the War Ministry, said if the attacks did not stop "Egypt will reconsider her attitude towards the proposals."

He added in a statement that "Egypt will never sign a peace with Israel."

The Burmese Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Khin Maung Gale, is shown here shortly after he stepped off the plane at Lydda Airport. With him are Dr. Daniel Levin (left), Director of the Foreign Ministry's Asian Division, and Mr. Avraham Gilboa, Deputy Chief of Protocol (right). Photo by Boesskind

Burmese Charge d'Affaires Here to Open Legation

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — "Burma's decision to open a Legation in Israel constitutes a step forward in the close relationship existing between our countries," Mr. Khin Maung Gale, Burma's first Charge d'Affaires in Israel, said here today on his arrival to open the Legation.

Mr. Gale, who is 44, said that the Legation would be established temporarily in Tel Aviv, and he himself would live in the Dan Hotel. The strength of the Legation staff would be determined in the immediate future, he added.

Tomorrow, Mr. Gale is to call on the Prime Minister at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. He emphasized that his first task would be to improve even further the relations between the two states.

In reply to a question, Mr. Gale said he did not know whether a special Commercial Attache would serve at the Legation. It is understood that a Military Attache will arrive shortly.

Mr. Gale arrived from Belgrade where he has been serving as his country's representative. His wife is still there.

He was met at the airport by Dr. Daniel Levin, Director of the Asian Department of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. A. Gilboa, Deputy Chief of Protocol.

The Prime Minister of Burma, Mr. U Nu, is expected to arrive here on May 29 in a special El Al aircraft which will be sent to meet him in Cyprus. *(Ilim.)*

Jordan Turns Down Johnston Project

Jordan has decided to reject the present form of the Johnston project for the Jordan River waters, its Ambassador in Washington, Abdul Mun'im Rifa'i, told "El Jihad" Old City daily, on Saturday.

Jordan objects to Israel being permitted to irrigate the Negev with Jordan waters, and demands that water used for the generation of power be returned to the Jordan River and not be diverted for irrigation purposes in Israel territory.

Another Jordan claim is that Lake Tiberias must be internationalized and not merely be put under the jurisdiction of the Mixed Armistice Commission. Jordan further objects to the fact that the percentage of water from Lake Tiberias allotted to Israel under the plan would put the Arabs "permanently at Israel's mercy," the report said.

Meanwhile, from Washington, INA reported that the State Department in a report to the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee proposed a special fund of $65m. to help implement the agreement when reached, regarding division and control of the Jordan River waters.

Iraq Rejects New Egyptian Envoy

Iraq has rejected the appointment of Prof. Mustafa Kamal as the new Egyptian Ambassador, alleging that he was unacceptable because he had written a series of anti-Iraqi articles recently. Prof. Kamal was a member of the Egyptian delegation to the Bandung conference.

Premier Nuri e-Said announced in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday that the Iraqi Ambassador in Cairo, Najib e-Rawi, has been summoned to Baghdad for talks regarding the Egyptian official attitude concerning the recent Iraqi note requesting cessation of the broadcasts of "The Voice of Free Iraq" and "The Voice of the Arabs."

The Chamber of Deputies today passed a bill banning assemblies and demonstrations. It also ratified the peace treaty with Japan, the bill going to the Senate for approval. *(NBABS, UP)*

Salk Vaccine Cleared In 16 US States

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — Sixteen states were told tonight that they may go ahead immediately with their polio vaccination programmes.

Surgeon-General Dr. Leonard Scheele said that 3.4m. cubic centimetres of vaccine produced by Eli Lilly and Company of Indianapolis had been cleared for use after painstaking rechecking.

Meanwhile, in Denver, Colorado, a father and a mother of 18-month-old girls who received Salk vaccine made by the Cutter Laboratories of California, have been hospitalized with paralytic polio, health authorities revealed today.

Mr. Morton Solomon, 37, a structural engineer, was in an iron lung today, a week after he first showed polio symptoms. Mrs. Carolyn Gustafson, 28, was hospitalized on Friday with polio.

NEGEV MARAUDERS STEAL MULE

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Marauders stole a mule valued at IL350 from Moshav Beit Hagedi in the Negev during Friday night. Watchmen opened fire on the men and drove them off, forcing them to abandon a second mule.

France to Buy Israel Goods Worth $5,5m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

France and Israel have agreed on a new trade agreement under which Israel will be entitled to export $5.5m. worth of goods, $1m. more than under the current agreement. The amount of imports from France is not limited.

Details of the agreement, which is to be initialled today, were given at a Press conference yesterday by M. Pierre Laurent, who heads the French trade delegation now in Israel, and Mr. Moshe Bartur, Head of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry.

Israel did not export the full amount to which she was entitled under the two previous trade agreements with France. This was due mainly to the fact that the French market was still new to us, Mr. Bartur said. Last year, Israel exported $2.5m. worth of goods to France and imported $6m. worth.

The chief products we are to export are citrus and citrus products, eggs, automobiles, refrigerators, plywood and razor blades.

About half the goods are industrial, Mr. Bartur stated. In the past, 75 to 80 per cent of our exports to France were agricultural.

The main difficulty in Israel-French trade is that to a large extent the products of the two countries are competitive, it was said. North Africa and Spain supply most of the citrus consumed by France.

M. Laurent said that although his Government realized that trade with Israel was limited by other pacts, such as the Reparations Agreement, it was interested in developing its Israel market and did not want to be discriminated against. Despite the fact that the economies of the two countries were not complementary, there was room for Israel exports, he stated.

U.S. Firms to Dig For Oil in Jordan

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — Negotiations with American oil companies for the exploitation of rich oil deposits of the Jordan River are almost complete, the Jordan Minister here, Abdullah Buriykat, said today.

He added that as Jordan had no experts on oil affairs, Iraq had been requested to help.

Senior Schoolchildren Are Given National Service on Borders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four hundred 16 and 17-year-old students in secondary schools are to leave on June 9 for eight border villages to participate in a national service programme, the Ministry of Education announced yesterday.

The purpose of the three-week project, organized by the Ministry and Gadna Headquarters, is four-fold:

- to learn at first hand the basic problems of the State: security, settlement and immigrant absorption;
- to help the settlers in their work;
- to bind more closely the various segments of the population, and
- to provide the students with a "full Gadna education."

The participants will be chosen from eight secondary schools and divided into groups of 50. The daily programme includes five hours of work (from 7:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.), two hours of drill (3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.), with the rest of the day given over to rest and joint cultural activities with local youth.

The national service project, which was suggested by the Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, is compulsory for all students in the eleventh grade. Should the programme prove successful this year, it will be established on a permanent basis.

A National Service Council is to be established to organize the programme, determine camp procedure and authorize the list of border villages included in the project.

This body will consist of four representatives of the Ministry of Education and Culture (one of whom will serve as Chairman); two representatives of secondary school principals and one representative each of the Ministries of Labour, Agriculture and Health and the Jewish Agency Settlement Department.

Decisions of the Council will be implemented jointly by the Supervisor of Gadna Activities in the Education Ministry and the Commander of Gadna Headquarters of the Defence Forces.

Parents may visit their children at the camps as may principals of secondary schools. The latter may, in exceptional cases, excuse students from the work programme before the end of the three-week period.

Tito Confident Soviet Talks To Be Constructive

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — President Tito today expressed confidence that his forthcoming talk with Soviet leaders would be one of the most constructive contributions to the consolidation of world peace.

Addressing a mass rally at Pula in Istria, he said Yugoslavia had let it be understood that she wished to negotiate on terms of equality as an independent country.

"We are not prepared to allow anyone to interfere in our internal affairs," he declared, according to Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency.

"Whoever may harbour illusions in the West that Yugoslavia will become something other than she is, will be disappointed," he stated.

Won't Join Any Bloc

Yugoslavia would not join any bloc because lasting peace in the world could not be assured by blocs. She would proceed along the path of cooperation and active international coexistence regardless of the difference of political systems.

He added that the Belgrade talks would be conducted on the basis of cooperation and coexistence, respect of sovereignty and independence, not on the basis of short-term solutions to span the present situation, but on a more lasting basis on which relations between states in the world should be built.

Foreign observers here considered that President Tito's main purpose was to emphasize Yugoslavia's independence of both the East and the West. He thereby corrected an impression aroused a week ago, when the Turkish Premier, Mr. Adnan Menderes, in a statement about a "brotherly link" being established between the Atlantic Pact and the Balkan Alliance, said that Yugoslavia was moving closer to the West.

That statement, made during a visit to Belgrade, was believed to have caused some embarrassment here.

See Reference to U.S.

President Tito did not explain what he meant when he alluded today to a "knife being held at Yugoslavia's throat" while discussing foreign aid for her famine. But observers recalled here that Vice-President Svetozar Vukmanovic, when he was in Washington last November for talks on urgent American wheat shipments, at one time threatened to break off the talks for reasons which have never been published here.

It was thought significant that the speech alluded, presumably for the benefit of Soviet hearers, to differences with the West.

The belief that the forthcoming Soviet — Yugoslav talks form part of a Soviet plan to establish a cordon of neutral nations from Sweden in the North, through Austria and Germany, and down to Yugoslavia was widely expressed in West European capitals today.

The Austrian state treaty signed today with its parallel guarantee of Austrian neutrality is seen as the first achievement of this plan to set up a buffer zone in Europe between Communist states and the Western powers.

Attempts to secure a united neutral Germany at the planned East-West meeting "at the summit" this summer will make or break this process.

Bourguiba Due In Tunisia May 25

TUNIS, Sunday. — Habib Bourguiba, President of the Neo-Destour Nationalist Party, announced in the Tunisian news paper, "Petit Matin," today that he would return to Tunisia from France on May 25 in order to be in Paris during the final stage of the Franco-Tunisian negotiations on home rule for the protectorate.

Bourguiba will return to Tunis after more than three years of detention in Tunisia and France as a nationalist agitator. *(Reuter)*

Austria Pact Signed; USSR Offers Same for Germany

Top-Level Meeting Seen Due in July

VIENNA, Sunday (Reuter). — Soviet and Western delegations met here today to decide on the date and the place for holding the "summit" conference.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, has asked the Kremlin for further instructions on these details, it was reported. Unless he gives his answer tonight at a state banquet and reception to celebrate the Austrian treaty, the question is not likely to be settled in Vienna, Western officials said. It will be agreed instead through diplomatic channels in the next week or so.

Secretary of State Dulles flies back to Washington after tonight's celebrations. Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay return to their capitals tomorrow morning.

"About July" was the phrase used by the Big Four Foreign Ministers in reaching their decision last night. Vienna and Lausanne were the only two places considered seriously by the four Ministers during the talks which followed their dinner at the American Embassy last night.

Mr. Molotov's suggestion of Vienna was turned down by the Western statesmen, as they were anxious to avoid any inference that Austria, which is to become a neutral nation, should be a model for resolving the problem of divided Germany. One of the reasons stated by Mr. Dulles for declining Vienna was that the U.S. President could not attend a meeting in an occupied capital. (Austria will still be under technical occupation until three months after the entry into force of the treaty.)

The Soviet Minister also accepted the proposal that the four Foreign Ministers should meet shortly in advance of President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden, M. Edgar Faure and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin.

The atmosphere of last night's dinner was "extremely cordial," Western diplomats stated. Many toasts were drunk and many speeches in a jocular vein were made.

Big Four Asked to Deal With Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — A resolution asking Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to look into the feasibility of placing the fate of two million Jews in the Soviet Union on the agenda of the Big Four conference to be held this summer in Europe, was adopted here today at the closing session of the three-day national convention of the Jewish Labour Committee, which represents half a million organized Jewish workers.

The resolution asked for a "sign of good faith" by the Soviet Union to permit free communication between Jewish citizens and their relatives abroad, and to permit free emigration.

Iraqi Officers End Visit to Cyprus

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — General Rafik Arif, Chief of the General Staff of the Iraqi forces, left here today for Baghdad at the conclusion of his three-day visit to the island as guest of the British Middle East Headquarters.

Accompanying him were Brigadier Ghazi Daghestani, Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Army, and Brigadier Khadim Abadi, Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Air Force.

Warns of Danger of Rearmament

VIENNA, Sunday. — The Big Four Foreign Ministers today sign... a treaty restoring freedom to Austria after 17 years of foreign occupation. Immediately after the signing, Russia proposed similar steps to reunify Germany.

Freedom's Taste

VIENNA, Sunday (Reuter)— Viennese bartenders perfected a new "Five-Country Cocktail" for celebrating today's Austrian state treaty.

It is made from Russian Vodka, French Vermouth, British Gin, a touch of American coco cola and a dash of Austrian wine. First samplers said it gave a nice taste to freedom.

"Allied cakes" were also on sale, with the five flags of France, Britain, Russia, the U.S. and Austria crusted on top.

The Ministers and Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Foreign Minister, signed the state treaty, as Austria, a new "Switzerland" on the face of Europe, uncorked the greatest national celebration in her history.

The ceremony was friendly, with the participants all smiling. When, after the signing, the five Foreign Ministers went out on the balcony of the Belvedere Palace to announce it to the crowd, they were cheered by about 18,000 persons below.

The first to sign was Mr. V.M. Molotov of Russia, whose troops liberated Vienna in 1945. He was followed by Mr. Harold Macmillan (Britain), Mr. John Foster Dulles (U.S.) and M. Antoine Pinay (France). Dr. Figl completed the ceremony.

News of the signing, broadcast from a great marble hall gleaming with gilt and candelabra, was the signal for huge crowds to stream into the luxuriant grounds of the historic palace.

The Austrian Government, in response to a promise to Mr. Molotov yesterday, later published a draft declaration that she will follow a course of "perpetual neutrality" and remain free from military alliances. The declaration will be presented to Parliament for approval after the treaty is implemented.

Without Militarism

No sooner was the treaty signed than Mr. Molotov made a dramatic new proposal for the reunification of Germany into a unified nation "without militarism."

The Soviet Foreign Minister said that solution of the Austrian problem will help ease international tension, but warned of "increased dangers... arising from the rearmament of West Germany."

He confirmed that Russia has agreed to a Big Four parley "at the summit" later this year (see Column 6) and welcomed Austria's decision declaring herself to be against all military bases. This decision was of especially great importance for relations among European states, Mr. Molotov said, for "now Austria besides Switzerland will be a neutral state in Europe."

In a 12-minute statement, the Soviet Minister said that Russia "has striven to find a solution not only for Austria but also for the German problem," and added that "this has proved impossible under present circumstances, which have increased the danger of a rebirth of German militarism." He declared that Russia will continue to try to find a solution of the German problem, but "we want unity of Germany without militarism... European and world problems cannot be solved by preparing for an atomic war."

Brief Statements

The Western Ministers spoke more briefly after the signing ceremony. Mr. Dulles congratulated the Austrian people and said that "the people of America rejoice with them."

Mr. Macmillan declared, "Today's ceremony marks the beginning of a new epoch for Austria. It is a happy day for all of us." He added that Austria "can always rely on the warm and steady friendship of the British people."

M. Pinay greeted Austria "in the name of France," and said

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FORMOSAN PLANES, SHIPS HIT TAISHAN ISLAND

TAIPEH, Sunday (Reuter). — Nationalist warships and planes attacked the Taishan Island group, Dogfights between Chinese and Nationalist planes occurred near Matsu.

Nationalist sources said that waves of Chinese planes were first spotted by Nationalist patrolling aircraft and intercepted by Formosa-based fighters. According to preliminary reports, the Nationalist planes suffered no losses, the sources said.

LAST NEVADA ATOM TEST BLAST MADE

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Sunday (Reuter). — The fourteenth and final nuclear explosion of the 1955 tests was detonated over the Yucca Flat before dawn today.

The flash from it was brighter than the more powerful blast on May 5, and the mushroom cloud rose rapidly to more than 40,000 feet. The device was exploded from a 500-foot tower. About 25 experiments were associated with the test.

AUSTRALIANS QUEUE FOR '56 OLYMPICS

MELBOURNE Sunday (Reuter). — People with deck chairs and sleeping bags were queueing well before midnight here tonight outside the booking office of the 1956 Olympic Games. The office will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

McCarthy Says Ike Fawning on Zhukov

APPLETON, Wisconsin, Sunday (UP). — Senator Joseph McCarthy stated last night that President Eisenhower has done nothing to free American servicemen held in China "except trying to soft-soap a Communist thug, Gen. Zhukov, his Moscow pen pal."

In a speech for his hometown post of the Catholic War Veterans, he declared that the Government "lacks the moral qualities of honesty and courage," and tries to create the impression that there are only 11 or perhaps 25 American servicemen held by the Chinese, when there are actually 461 men held as prisoners. He said that this figure was obtained from Administration officials a few weeks ago.

He maintained that nothing was done except a mention by the President in one of his letters to Gen. Zhukov.

TRANSLATION OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY STATEMENT APPEARING IN "DAVAR" OF MAY 13, 1955.

A Victory for Democracy

The lesson learned from the results of the elections to the 8th Histadrut Assembly, has brought home the value and strength of democracy.

There is no such thing as an everlasting "big" party, neither must the "small" parties necessarily remain "small."

In the long run it is the electorate which decides the rise or fall of parties, and in whom to place its confidence.

Ha'Oved Ha'Zioni — The Progressive Party Labour Faction in the Histadrut — is the only one to muster four times as many voters since the last election to the Histadrut, i.e. the number of voters has increased from 5,226 to 21,000.

Ha'Oved Ha'Zioni is the only faction which has increased the number of its adherents THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, IN TOWN AND VILLAGE, SETTLEMENTS AND IMMIGRANT CENTRES.

The increase is: in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem, from 2,500 to 10,000, in the smaller towns and settlements from 1,500 to 8,000, and in cooperative settlements from 900 to 3,000.

This rise in the number of sympathisers bears ample witness to the fact that the Progressive Party is firmly entrenched in all spheres of life and activity in the country.

These 21,000 voters registered their votes IN FULL RECOGNITION OF THE SITUATION — NOT BECAUSE OF ANY PRESSURE — AND MOTIVATED SOLELY BY THE DESIRE TO FORTIFY THE PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS IN OUR SOCIETY TO ACHIEVE OUR AIMS THROUGH FREEDOM, FRATERNITY AND INTEGRITY.

The votes registered at the Histadrut elections last week comprise only those party members of the Ha'Oved Ha'Zioni faction organised within the Histadrut, and do not include the thousands of Progressive Party sympathisers and supporters outside the range of the Histadrut.

This block of votes will duly influence the electorate in the elections to the Third Knesset, and will serve to further strengthen and expand the Progressive Party.

CITIZEN! REMEMBER: THE STRENGTH OF DEMOCRACY LIES IN THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN EVERLASTING "BIG" PARTY, NOR THAT "SMALL" PARTIES MUST NECESSARILY REMAIN FOREVER "SMALL."

IT IS UP TO YOU TO DECIDE.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

PARIS FAIR
May 14-30, 1955

Ground area of 450,000 sq. metres. 12,500 exhibitors from 37 countries. 3,000,000 guests from abroad have already announced their intention to visit. The Fair shows modern achievements in all technical fields.

ICOA SERVES

Social & Personal

The 1955 Israel Prize winners were the guests of honour at a reception given by the President of the Hebrew University and Mrs. Mazar at their residence on Saturday night. Professor B. Dinur, Minister of Education and Culture, spoke on the significance of the prizes, and Professors M. Fekete, B. Shapiro, I. Reichert, Y. Heltheman and Dr. Urbach responded on behalf of the prize-winners.

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The Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Mordechai Namir, M.K., yesterday received Mr. Bernard Blumfeld, head of the Histadrut Campaign in Montreal and President of the "Israel Continental Oil Company." Mr. Blumfeld visited the Mekorot works in Rosh Ha'ayin in the company of the Histadrut Treasurer, Mr. Yitzhak Haskin.

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The Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, gave a reception at the Sharon Hotel, Herzliya, last week for Mr. R. Whitman, Economic Adviser to the U.S. Operations Mission, on the occasion of the termination of his 18-month tour of duty and his departure for the U.S.

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ARRIV. LB: The Italian Minister, Benedetto Capomazza, marchese di Campolattaro, after a five-week home leave; Mr. H. Cidor, Director of the Department for International Institutions, in the Foreign Ministry (see next column); Mr. Marcel Leloup, Director of U.N.'s Special Afforestation Department, for a one-week stay; Mr. J. Sinigallia, one of the heads of the Israel-Italian Chamber of Commerce.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wouk, after a three-week visit as guests of the Foreign Ministry; Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute, for three months in Europe and the U.S.; Mr. Y. Goldfarb, Technical Manager of Kaiser-Frazer in Israel, for Turkey, on company business; Mr. Gennadi Fomine, Counsellor to the Soviet Embassy, for a two-month leave; Professor Milton Rosenbaum and family, for the U.S., after a one-year stay, during which Prof. Rosenbaum set up the Psychiatric Department of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School.

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A picnic was sponsored by the Ashkelon Rotary Club for the Netanya and Beersheba Rotary Clubs on Saturday. The Ashkelon Rotary Club is to meet at 6.30 this evening in the Museum to hear Mr. T. Ben-Amar, Local Council Engineer, speak on "Migdal."

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Prof. Michael Wittels has returned from his European tour. He gave several concerts in Austria, Switzerland and Germany, where he performed Israel music.

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Professor H. Mumford Jones, Dean of the Graduate Faculty of Arts, Harvard University, is to deliver the second of a series of three lectures on "The Frontier as a Theme in American Fiction" under the auspices of the Hebrew University, at 5.30 this evening, in Room 73, Ratisbonne Building.

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Dr. Yamer will lecture on "The Perceptive Basis of Einstein's Theory," under the auspices of the Society for the Study of History of Medicine and Natural Sciences, tonight at 8 o'clock, Terra Sancta, Hall 26.

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The first general meeting of the three branches of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association will be held at 5 o'clock this evening at ZOA House, in Tel Aviv.

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BIRTH

TESSEL — To Erika, nee Kramer, wife of Mr. Max Tessel, at the Assutah Hospital, Tel Aviv — their first-born son.

TEMPORARY JOBS IN U.N. SECRETARIAT

A special U.N. Internship Programme, enabling some 20 young persons from all parts of the world to spend a year working in various units of the U.N. Secretariat, has been authorized by the General Assembly for the year 1955-1956.

Applicants must have completed with distinction at least two years in a recognized college or university. Only candidates between the ages of 20 and 26, in good health and fluent in English, will be accepted.

Candidates should apply before May 20 to the Director of the U.N. Information Service c/o the Resident Representative of the U.N. Technical Assistance Board, 10 Rehov Ibn Gabirol, Jerusalem. In their letters they should state the relevance of the internship to their educational background and to their future career. They should enclose evidence relating to the academic requirements and submit the names of three persons who are in a position to appraise their background and qualifications.

COMPROMISE REACHED ON FUJI FIRING

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — The U.S. Army and Japanese officials today agreed to coordinate dates for the next round of practice artillery firing at the foot of Mt. Fuji. The war games would be suspended for seven days from Tuesday.

The Army had halted firing after one day of practice, following violent demonstrations by Japanese. During the seven-day period, the Japanese would be allowed to enter the area where the shells would land, and set fishes there.

Int'l Red Cross to Administer Arolsen Archives of Nazi Brutality

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The International Tracing Service Archives at Arolsen — a complete record of all those incarcerated and done to death in German concentration camps liberated by the West, as well as detailed instructions from Hitler, Himmler and other Nazi leaders for the extermination of European Jewry — are to be administered by the International Red Cross under an international committee consisting of representatives at ambassadorial level of the U.S., Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Israel and Germany.

The Bonn Government will pay the administrative costs of approximately 1,500,000 marks annually for five years, at the end of which time the international committee will consider the future of the archives.

All the above provisions are contained in an agreement initialled in Bonn last Wednesday, two days before the signing of the German sovereignty agreements.

This was revealed at an Israel Embassy Press conference earlier last week by Mr. H. Cidor, Director of the International Organizations Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry and head of the Yad Vashem committee on the Arolsen Archives. He further disclosed that non-governmental organizations with a special interest in the archives will be allowed to participate in the meeting of the international committee, without voting rights.

20m. Documents

Mr. Cidor added that he was at present closing negotiations with a British micro-filming organization to copy the entire Arolsen collection of some 20 millions documents for the Yad Vashem archives in Israel. The photographing of the vast collection would take approximately one year. Duplicates of the Arolsen documents were essential, as the whole International Tracing Service was "an organization of paper and wood" which needed only a match to be sent up in flames.

Thus, through the initiative of the Israel Government, the Arolsen documents on which former German concentration camp prisoners rely for support of compensation claims will not pass to the German Government, although they remain in Germany. To achieve this end, Mr. Cidor revealed, it had been necessary to overcome the opposition of Germany, the French Resistance and the U.S. — the Germans who claimed that their constitution did not allow them financial support for any but national institutions, the French Resistance because they objected to Red Cross guardianship on the grounds that if it had been more active during the war fewer Frenchmen would have died, and the U.S. who objected to the fact that from the documents Russia might obtain information of those East Europeans who had gone to the U.S.

Mr. Cidor, who was elected chairman of last month's session of the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration at Geneva, stated that more persons had entered Israel on immigration visas from the Soviet Union during the past year than on immigration visas from the U.S.

No Trace Left Of Einstein's Ashes

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — The ashes of Prof. Albert Einstein have been disposed of, and "no physical traces are left anywhere," the family lawyer said last night.

He said that there had been many inquiries about the disposition of the cremated remains of the famous scientist and mathematician. The brain was removed before the body was cremated.

'TIMES' CONDEMNS SUEZ BLOCKADE

The recent blacklisting of one Italian and two British cargo steamers by the Alexandria customs administration illustrates the absurd lengths to which the Egyptian Government is ready to go in asserting its right to "blockade" Israel, "The Times" wrote in a leading article last week which was briefly reported by cable. The editorial went on:

Under the Constantinople Convention, which regulates the use of the Suez Canal, the ships of all nations have the right of free passage; and in 1951, the Security Council expressly asked Egypt to respect this right without discriminating against traffic to and from Israel ports. The Egyptian Government has retorted by asserting that a state of war still exists in law between itself and the Government of Israel; and that it is therefore entitled to take such action as its own interests may require in denying the use of the Suez Canal to its adversary, the London paper recalled.

This assertion is obviously at variance with the facts of the Armistice Agreements between Egypt, in common with other Arab States, and Israel; and the Israel Government has good grounds for complaining that neither the Security Council nor the Western Powers are justified in acquiescing in Egypt's continued defiance, both of the Council's resolution and the principles of international law.

The Israel challenge to the Egyptian position by the dispatch of the Israel freighter, Bat Galim, through the Suez Canal last September raised the dispute in acute form at a time when there was some hope that Western representations might induce some rectification of the Egyptian attitude. In the event, after much acrimony, the cargo and the crew were released; but Israel's undoubted claim for the release of the vessel has still not been met. The editorial then goes on:

"All her protests to the Mixed Armistice Commission and to the Security Council have so far failed in effect. In Egypt's present mood, which is determined largely by the desire to maintain the leading position in the Arab world, which threatens to slip from her grasp now that Turkey and Iraq have taken the initiative in constructing a regional defence agreement, no relaxation of the "blockade" of Israel seems likely. But her latest action in blacklisting the three steamers because they have changed, on their lawful occasions in the past, to call at Haifa and to discharge such formidable munitions of war as soya beans, is intolerable by any standards of international propriety.

"The analogy of the restrictions upon the supply of warlike materials to China, which is sometimes cited in Egypt, is fallacious. Those restrictions have been imposed by the U.N. Egypt's action is taken in wilful defiance of that body," the paper concluded.

U.S. Surplus Food Due for Israel

WASHINGTON, Sunday (INA). — Plans are advanced here for early resumption of the flow of free U.S. surplus food supplies for Israel's needy through Hadassah, Department of Agriculture sources revealed today.

Included in the food supplies will be butter, cheese, cottonseed oil, shortening and other staples. The programme to help the world's underprivileged by giving surplus American food through American voluntary agencies was authorized by the Agriculture Act of 1953.

GENOCIDE. — Albania has become the 41st nation to ratify the U.N. Genocide Convention, by filing her ratification through the Czech delegate, since she is not a U.N. member. The U.S. is not among the 41 nations.

Haifa to Become City of Flowers

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — A six-day Flower Festival will be held here next week, from May 24 until after the Shavuot holiday weekend, Mr. Y. Roll, head of the Municipal Development Department, told the Press on Friday.

The crowded list of events will include an exhibition of flower paintings by children from all over the country; a national flower show; window-dressing competitions in shops; film shows on flowers; competitions for the best private gardens and balconies; the opening of two new parks; concerts and receptions and a Grand Flower Ball to last all through the night of May 29, the end of the festival.

Hundreds of entries have been received for the paintings exhibition, and 250 of the pictures will be shown at the Municipal Museum. Fifty prizes will be awarded. The young winners will be the guests of the Municipality for one day. The Flower Show will continue for six days in the Gan Binyamin Park, with 50 professional and 100 amateur growers showing over 700 exhibits. The professionals will compete for 26 silver cups, while the amateur winners will receive tools, seeds and plants as prizes. A flower market will be opened in the park and for 36 hours a specially established post office branch will sell special envelopes with a festival postmark. Background murals have been designed by artists from Ein Hod.

For three days, bands will play from three "Flower Corners" in the main streets, with bouquets being sold at the booths at wholesale prices. At the same time, 600 pairs of children will sell flower buttonholes in aid of the Jewish National Fund in the city. Altogether, a quarter of a million flowers have been prepared for sale at the festival. Show windows will compete for a "Best Taste" prize to be awarded by a committee of judges, while the general public will be asked to judge the best window in the town's three districts. The new parks will be opened at Ein Hayam and at Elijah's Cave, both at Haifa's western approaches. Tours of the parks for visitors and tourists will be arranged, and the whole festival will be filmed for newsreel and TV showing abroad.

Municipal employees have volunteered to work for the festival in their spare time. The estimated budget will be IL57,000 with an expected surplus of IL13,000 from income, which will go to welfare funds.

NEW BASIS FOR LOCAL JORDAN ELECTION

Jordan's Minister of the Interior, Riadh Muflih, has announced that the forthcoming municipal elections will for the first time not be run on the basis of religious communities, "Falastin," Old City daily, reported yesterday.

The number of new councillors will not exceed seven in any municipal council, with the exception of the Old City, which will have nine.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

522, 248, 33.5 & 48.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 3.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Overture "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" (Offenbach); Piano Concerto (Grieg); Irish Suite (Anderson). 1.45 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Siesta. (R). 4.40 Vocal Recital: Dorothea Liwje. 5.00 Be'Ohaley Torah. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Folklore. 7.02 Opera (R). 7.35 Mcimonides Anniversary. 7.50 Tales of Tunes. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.45 Light Music. 10.05 Piano Duets played by Sarah Rabinovits-Bodankin & Frank Polieg; Fantasy on Melodies by Offenbach (Lissauer); "Facade," Suite (Walton). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

407, 466, 225, 49.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.05, 10.15 p.m. French News: 3.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Hebrew Lessons for Ulpanim. 8.15 Close Down. 5.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ISRAEL LAGOLA (31.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 From the Federation. 6.45 Vistas of Israel. 7.00 On Behalf of Israel. 7.15 Close Down. 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Sports Review. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 224, 235 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Fantasy. 7.00 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Zahal's Orchestra. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert. Piano Concerto No. 2 (Saint-Saens); Symphony No. 4 (Tchaikowsky) 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.72, 19.42, 16.95, 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, Newstalk, Echoes from the World.

Food Taken From Fossil's Stomach

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Soviet scientists have analysed food taken from the stomach of a mammoth pre-historic elephant, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported last week.

The stomach contained cereals which showed that grasslands extended much further north thousands of years ago, Tass said. The remains of the mammoth were found 50 years ago in Siberia.

The stomach contents were preserved in a hermetically sealed container.

Want Soviet Good Faith on Jews

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — The question of the fate of two million Jews in the Soviet bloc countries as well as the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to communicate with the free world, and the end of slave labour camps, were among the matters raised on Friday night by the Jewish Labour Committee, representing more than 500,000 Jewish workers in the U.S. at the opening of a three-day conference.

The demand that the Soviet Union show good faith on these questions and that they be placed high on the agenda by the U.S. representatives at the projected Big Four conference was made in the course of an address by Mr. Jacob Pat, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Labour Committee.

President Eisenhower joined scores of prominent personalities congratulating Mr. Adolph Held, National Chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Others to send greetings included Dr. Adolph Schaerf, Vice-Chancellor of Austria, and Dr. Rudolph Katz, Vice-President of the German Constitutional Court in Bonn.

Corruption in U.S. Army Clothing Contracts

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Senator John McClellan, Democrat, said yesterday that the Senate Investigations Sub-Committee, of which he is Chairman, will unfold a story of "corruption" in millions of dollars worth of clothing contracts for the armed forces.

He said that the sub-committee will start public hearings on Wednesday in an inquiry into a "fresh" case of money changing hands in connection with contracts for white sailor hats, garrison caps and other clothing items.

C-IN-C. — President Eisenhower has nominated Gen. Maxwell Taylor, 54, as chief of the U.S. Army.

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Marciano Favourite Against Don Cockell

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday (UP). — Rocky Marciano put the final polish on his body attack yesterday and challenger Don Cockell did his last target practice for the nose as they finished training for Monday night's international heavyweight championship fight at Kezar Stadium.

Chunky Cockell, a pig-and-poultry farmer of Oram, England, was one of the most lightly regarded challengers in heavyweight history as he took his last workout at nearby San Rafael, California.

Quotations against him from various odd-makers ranged from 10-1 to 20-1. It was 8-1 he would not last five rounds, 9-1 he would not go 10, and 8-1 he would not finish the scheduled 15 rounds.

Nevertheless, co-promoter Jim Norris and his associates hoped for at least 50,000 fans and a gate of at least $350,000. The present San Francisco fight-gate record of $167,970 was paid by 19,970 fans at the Cow Palace in 1949 when Ezzard Charles defended his N.B.A. heavy crown against Pat Valentino.

Brown-haired, 30-year-old Cockell was a lowly underdog for his fight because of his comparative record and because he had been unimpressive in training. His work did not enhance his title of British Empire champion. Men who have seen him fight in England, however, claim he is a "poor gymnasium performer" but a good scrapper in actual competition.

Meanwhile, 30-year-old Marciano appeared at the peak of his career during his sparring sessions at Calistoga, California, as he prepared for his fifth title defence. Unbeaten Rocky, the ring's first perfect-record heavy champ, seeks his 48th straight professional victory.

In the later stages of his 210 sparring rounds, Rocky concentrated on a body attack. Apparently he plans to smash Cockell in the blubbery midriff and try to "fold him" as he did Rex Layne in July 1951.

Red Sox Pip A's As Boudreau Protests

BOSTON, Sunday (UP). — Tom Gorman walked Bills Goodman to force in the winning run for a Boston Red Sox 4-3 victory over the Athletics on Friday night in a rain-interrupted game played under protest by Kansas City manager Lou Boudreau.

The game was tied 3-3 in the last of the eighth when umpire-in-chief Charley Berry ordered the game halted because of a steady rain. After an hour delay, Berry ordered the tarpaulin removed but ordered the field recovered before play resumed. There was a total delay of one hour and 23 minutes. Boudreau protested when the game resumed while rain was falling.

In the National League the same night Brooks Lawrence shut out the Pittsburgh Pirates with four hits in pitching the St. Louis Cardinals to a 8-0 victory at St. Louis. The Negro right-hander struck out five and walked only one: Ken Boyer homered for the Redbirds.

OTHER RESULTS: NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 4, St. Louis 3 (10 innings); Brooklyn 6, Milwaukee 2; New York 6, Chicago 5; Brooklyn 13, Cincinnati 2. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 6, New York 7; Kansas City 1, Boston 3 (13 innings).

Four New Marks Set At West Coast Relays

FRESNO (California), Sunday (UP). — Four new meet records were set in Saturday's West Coast Relays, but Wes Santee, famous Kansas miler, failed in his bid for the four-minute mile.

Santee was clocked in a good 4:06.5 for his speciality while running in a 14-mile-an-hour wind. He won by 30 yards over Len Simpson, of the San Francisco Olympic Club. Santee's mark was a new stadium record.

A crowd of 15,000 packed the stands for the night performances during which Adhemar Da Silva, of Brazil, world hop, step and jump champion, bettered anything ever recorded by an American in his first attempt on U.S. soil. He leaped 51 feet, 3 inches. The best mark by an American was 50 feet, 1½ inches by Billy Brown, Louisiana State, in 1940. The U.S. record is 51 feet, 7 inches set by Chuhei Nambu, of Japan, in the 1932 Olympics.

Javelin king, Bud Held, Olympic Club, set a new Relays record with a throw of 262 feet 2½ in. (Old mark 245 feet 2 in.) His closest rival was Miller, of the Camp Pendelton Marines, with 254 feet 7½ in. Charles Dumas, 18-year-old Los Angeles high school youth, cleared the high jump bar at 6 feet, 10 inches, competing unattached in the open Inter-Collegiate division. Max Truex, USC freshman, won the 5,000 metre race in 14:57.5, beating the old Relays mark of 15:02.2, set by Art Garcia, of USC, in 1952.

Cinemas

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At 3.30, 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.

ARNON: "No Niege Mi Pasado."
EDEN: Rhapsody. 2nd week.
EDISON: Magnificent Obsession. 4th week.
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ORION: Night People.
ORGIL: Public Enemy No. 1. 2nd week.
RON: The Adventures of Peter Pan.
STUDIO: Ditto. Child of Man. 2nd week.
TEL OR: The Outlaw.
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TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Call Me Madam.
CHEN: Hans Christian Anderson. 6th week.
ESTHER: Knights of the Round Table. 2nd week.
MATNID: Toscanini.
MOGRABI: The Violent Men.
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer. 9th week.
ORION: Apache.
TAMAR: The Passionate Friends. The continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.
YARON: "Le Monsieur à Cinq Petites." 2nd week.
ZAMIR: "L'Age de l'Amour." 5th week. Continuous from 10 a.m.: Sing Sing Riots.

HAIFA

FREE: Phffft.
GAL OR: Lusty Men. Matinee: Iron Mistress.
MORIAH: Torah Song.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Egyptian.
ORAH: "Catene." 2nd week.
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Paintings by Pinhas Abramovits, Artists House, 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.
★ Film Show: —
Keren Hayessod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.
★ Lecture: —
Mr. Peretz Harburger on "Burma As Seen by an Israeli," with coloured slides, Terra Sancta College, Room 31, 5.30 p.m.
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★ Lecture:—
Mr. A. Kolb, "The Jewish Painters of the Paris School". Museum.
★ Theatres:—
Ohel Theatre "As You Like It," Cameri Theatre Hall, 5 p.m.
Habimah, "King Lear," Habimah, 5 p.m.
Ohel, "Shoog Fayush Goes to the Shows," Ohel Theatre.
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★ Theatre:—
Cameri Theatre "The Miser," 8 p.m.
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★ Theatre:—
"Mit Ofnes Ojren," Dina Halpern, 5.30 p.m.
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PETAH TIKVA REGION

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KINNERET REGION

A meeting of the Election Committee for the Third Knesset, Kinneret Region, will take place tonight, May 16, 1955, at 7.30, at the Municipal Cultural Centre, near the "Aviv" Cinema in Tiberias.

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Tel Aviv Kirya	60	17	34	26
Tel Aviv Port	62	18	32	32
Lydda Airport	54	13	36	37
Jerusalem	50	13	25	26
Beersheba	61	12	29	26
S'dom	56	20	34	33
Eilat	54	18	35	33

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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27 ENTERPRISES with a total capital of $4.6m. and IL4.1m. were approved by the Investment Centre during the first quarter of 1955. This number is greater than in any quarter of 1954.

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25 PER CENT of the country's industrial exports in 1954, excluding diamonds, were produced by Histadrut enterprises, Mr. Z. Onn declared at a meeting of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, held recently. The value of these exports reached $8.2m. out of a total of $32.2m.

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THE ECONOMIC Advisory Council attached to the Prime Minister's Office is to reconvene at 10 o'clock this morning in Jerusalem, following its spring recess. It will continue its discussion on development problems, and will hear Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister of Posts, report on his Ministry's development plan.

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FOR FAILING to take the necessary precautions while driving over a railway level crossing in Haifa Bay, resulting in injury to two persons, Haim Admoni, a bus driver, had his licence revoked for four months yesterday and was fined IL200 with the alternative of two months in prison.

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CLAIMING THAT Ort was not marketing the sewing machines at its disposal through their channels 30 members of the Association of Sewing Machine Merchants and factory owners declared a sit-down strike in the Ort offices in Tel Aviv yesterday. They dispersed when Ort agreed to a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the issue.

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THE CANADIAN WIBO group on a 30-day tour of the country was the guest of the Mukhtar of Isafiya, Najeeb Mansour, at a feast and *fantasia* in the village yesterday. Sightseeing Ltd. organized the outing.

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30 OF 130 Hebrew University Faculty of Science students failed the inorganic chemistry examination at the end of last semester, according to results released yesterday.

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THE PHILATELIC Services Sales' Office at 2 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv, will be closed to the public during building alterations from May 18 to 26.

HIGHER PAY FOR SENIOR TEACHERS

Salary increases for school and kindergarten teachers who have top wage-grading, have been announced by Dr. M. Avidor, Director-General of the Ministry of Education and Culture, in a circular issued to local authorities and school principals.

These rises follow similar changes recently instituted in the wage scales of Civil Servants and will be retroactive to April 1.

Basic monthly salaries for secondary school teachers (including Ministry of Education workers who are graded in this category) have been raised from IL134 to IL142; certificated elementary school teachers will receive IL104 instead of IL100 and certificated kindergarten teachers will receive IL107 instead of IL103.

The increases apply to teachers who have worked in their field for 20 and 15 years respectively.

State Lawyers Back To Overtime Work

The State Legal Service called off its "no-overtime strike" yesterday pending the report of the Guri Committee on Civil Servants' Salary Scales which is scheduled to be submitted to the Government at the end of this month.

The lawyers have been on their no-overtime strike for the past 10 weeks to press demands for salaries comparable to those received by the judiciary.

Yesterday's decision was taken by a "small majority" at a general meeting held in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of Dr. Uriel Yadin, head of the Staff Committee.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV: Poultry: 500 gms. on Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards, Trade 26, temp. 44. Expectant mothers: 750 gms. on each of coupons 9 and 10. Elderly persons: 500 gms., Mem Heh 15. Invalids: 500 gms., Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 7. Imported cheese: 250 gms., no coupon, temp. 28. Valencias and grapefruit: 500 gms., Tet Aleph 46. Sausage: 250 gms. for labourers, coupon 50.

Jerusalem Commission Reports On Six-Week 'Clean-Up'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Public confidence has already returned to the Jerusalem Municipality which is collecting outstanding rates in "earnest," Mr. A. Arieli Jerusalem Municipal Commissioner in charge of Finance, said yesterday. This was shown by the unprecedented rush on the part of civic-minded residents to pay their 1955/56 rates.

He was speaking at a Press conference, presided over by Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, Chief Commissioner, which was called to show how much order had been brought to the capital in the first six weeks of the Commission's "house-cleaning."

Collections in April, when a 7.5 per cent reduction was granted, stood at IL875,000, as compared with IL35,000 in April, 1954. This month, a five per cent reduction is being given for 1955/56 rates as well as a "fine and interest amnesty" on outstanding rates from other years.

But, Mr. Arieli noted, the general financial situation of the city was bad. It owed IL3m. in short-term debts, IL750,000 of which were pressing.

Mr. Emanuel Friedman, Commissioner in charge of engineering, said that IL300,000 was to be expended this year on road maintenance as well as IL400,000 on road paving, including one stretch of road which would flank the Beit Hakerem Seminary. The Municipality, not having the financial means to finish all four schools started by the former Council, had decided to use IL350,000 to finish the Nahlaot and Geulim schools.

Mr. Yeshaya noted that there were 26,000 pupils in the city's 71 elementary schools, 16 evening schools for young workers and 30 kindergartens. Of these, 12,596 (48.5 per cent) attended State schools, 8,275 (32 per cent) State religious schools and 5,077 (19.5 per cent) "recognized" (mainly Agudat Yisrael) schools. The school population was expected to swell by another 2,000 next year.

The Municipality had already ordered 1,000 school desks at an average cost of IL11 to IL13 each and will order an additional 1,000, Mr. Yeshayu said.

In regard to water, the Malkia Pool, which holds 30,000 cubic metres, is to be cleaned and kept filled as a reserve. A 60,000 cu.m. reservoir is to be built on the city's outskirts at a cost of IL800,000. Of this sum, only IL500,000 is to hand and it is planned to dig the reservoir in stages. Kiryat Yovel and Ein Karem would get electricity lines.

The Engineering Department is recouping its losses in personnel and building supervision is to begin in all seriousness to prevent illegal building before it becomes a *fait accompli*.

Only natural stone is to be used for building along the main roads and in central quarters, although outlying quarters "would enjoy relaxations."

Licences for hawkers on the main streets had been frozen. Attempts would be made to transfer those already clogging these thoroughfares to market places. There was only one solution for ridding the city of its beggars and that was for the public to refuse them alms.

Mr. S. Kadari, Commissioner in charge of Social Welfare, noted that the Department had 21,000 persons on its books. This included half of the 7,000 persons in the Talpiot *ma'abara*.

Dr. J. Soriano announced that Street sweepers will soon be provided with two-wheeled carts to collect the rubbish they sweep up, and will be able to dispense with the present system of carrying it away in tins.

JERUSALEM CRAFTS ON SHOW IN NEW YORK

Gold and silverware made by an organized group of Jerusalem craftsmen were on show for the first time at an international exhibition which opened yesterday in New York.

The exhibits, including ornaments and religious articles, were selected by the Jerusalem Association of Artisans and Small Manufacturers and were flown to New York with the help of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Central Committee for Fairs and Exhibitions.

Among the exhibitors are David Gumbel, Wolpe, Y. Yemini, Dr. F. Gaber, H. Litani, M. Sokolka and Bona, Tas and Miriam Reich.

SHIBER ON BAIL FOR JUMPING PAROLE

The Secretary of the Anti-Communist League, Haviv Shiber, was released on IL1,000 bail yesterday after having been arrested for evading police supervision.

Shiber had been sentenced to three months in prison for obtaining money by false pretences. After the rejection of his appeal by the Supreme Court, he began serving his sentence under Jerusalem police supervision outside prison. On May 1, before the end of his term, he left the Jerusalem District without permission and was arrested four days later. *(Ittim)*

THREE DIE IN N. AFRICA CLASHES

CASABLANCA, Sunday (Reuter). — Two Moroccans, Sehir ben Mohammed and Goufari ben Mohammed, were shot dead last night as they stood talking in a Casablanca street. A third man who was talking with them was severely wounded.

In Sousse, Tunisia, one man was killed and four wounded, all knifed, in a fight last night between supporters of rival political parties.

Tel Aviv Storm In A Swimming Pool

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A motion to allocate IL120,000 to Gradel Bros., the company engaged in the construction of a swimming pool on the city's sea front, precipitated a lengthy debate at the Municipal Council meeting here tonight.

Mayor Haim Levanon, expressing the hope that the pool would be open by the beginning of next year said that the Municipality would grant the loan to the company on condition that an equal sum would be obtained from other sources and that there would be no further delays in construction.

Mr. E. Peri and Mr. A. Kamisl (Mapai), while supporting the motion, deplored the manner in which the work was being carried out, pointing out that one wall of the construction was already falling apart.

Opposition to the loan was expressed by Mr. Y. Cholodniewitch (Ahdut Ha'avoda) who felt that the Company should have ensured sufficient funds at the outset, and by Mr. Y. Fisherlev (Independent) who declared that it was ridiculous to invest Municipal funds in view of the Company's inefficiency.

On the question of sea-bathing, the Mayor said that the Municipality had no right to ban or permit it, but as the ban was flouted, the Municipality provided life guards which this year are to be increased.

ARTISTS' HOUSE FOR HAIFA

HAIFA, Sunday. — Local artists will at long last have a proper centre of their own. Its cornerstone was laid today at the corner of Vine Street and U.N.O. Avenue in the presence of Mayor Abba Khoushy.

The two-storey building, to cost IL85,000, will house an exhibition hall, study rooms and an art library. Painters and sculptors from Israel and Paris donated works, from the sale of which IL10,000 was raised which will cover the cost of the framework of the structure.

Mr. Khoushy, Mr. Y. Nir, Histadrut representative and Mr. U. Shalon, Chairman of the Hadar Hacarmel committee, promised their support. Mr. M. Pomrok, Chairman of the public committee which is promoting the centre, Professor E. Ratner for Haifa's architects, Mr. D. Widmann for Haifa Artists' Association and Mr. S. Lichtberg from Tel Aviv expressed appreciation of the enterprise.

KUPAT HOLIM SUES GOVT FOR RETURN OF BUILDING

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Kupat Holim has filed a petition with the District Court against the Government and Malben to evacuate hospital buildings in Pardess Katz which Kupat Holim originally leased to the Government.

The petition states that although Kupat Holim had refused to extend the lease, the Government had transferred it to Malben without informing Kupat Holim, and in violation of the terms of the lease. *(Ittim)*

NEWSMEN ASK PRESS TO EDUCATE PUBLIC

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — A call for the maintenance of the moral standard and good name of the Press as an instrument of public education was voiced at the provincial journalists' conference held here this morning.

Speakers demanded the curtailing of foreign languages in the Press and the raising of professional standards, and urged that the Press emphasize the creative works being carried out in the State.

Mayor A. Krinitzi and Mr. M. Arnon, representing the Government Press Office, welcomed the conference.

KIBBUTZ LAD FINDS IL5,000 AND DOLLARS

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A wallet containing IL5,000 and a number of dollars was found today by 7-year-old Ya'akov Yeruham in Kibbutz Yad Mordechai.

The boy handed it to the Secretary who passed it on to the police who are now looking for the owner.

Ministry in Want Of Advice

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has nowhere to turn for an opinion on the economic advisability of investment programmes totalling more than $200,000, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Such plans were formerly referred to the Economic Advisory Staff for consideration, but now the Staff is being disbanded, and there is no substitute, the spokesman stated.

Assembly of 'Fords' In Israel Planned

The Ministry of Transport has agreed in principle to permit several car importers to establish a second assembly plant in addition to that of Kaiser-Fraser in Haifa, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday. At present, the assembly of 100 small Ford cars (British) is proposed.

The initiators of the enterprise have not yet presented specific plans, either with regard to investment, price, or export possibilities.

An import licence has been given to Kaiser-Fraser for parts of 150 Lambretta-type motorcycles, to be assembled at their plant in Haifa. Some time ago, the firm imported 40 motorcycles of this type in order to "test the market."

The spokesman said he had no knowledge of reports that "Volkswagen" type automobiles were to be imported from Germany. He added that, in accordance with a decision of the Ministerial Economic Committee, no licences were being issued for the import of any German automobiles, in order not to complicate the spare parts situation.

Methods of pegging Local Authorities' loans to a stable measuring index and contracts between the Government and Amidar were discussed at a meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday in Jerusalem.

The Economic Ministries are dealing with the establishment of a Far East trading company, in which both the Government and private capital would participate, it is learned in Jerusalem.

El Al Queen Asked For IL9,000 Duty on Prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.—"It's good to be home", said Alisa Flasher, charming 23-year-old El Al air hostess, on her arrival here from Johannesburg where she came second out of 13 candidates in the "Queen of the Air" contest.

The £1,500 diamond ring which she received as a prize, Alisa left in Johannesburg, because the customs authorities here demanded IL9,600 duty, which she "hopes to bring down considerably."

Slim, brown-eyed, medium sized and charming, Alisa was met at the airport by an El Al ground hostess who presented her with a bouquet of roses.

QUARRELS, BUT LITTLE WORK IN KISHON PORT

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA, Sunday. — More quarrels but little work are again the lot of Kishon Port. The United Port Services Company, which holds the goods-handling concession in Haifa Port, has informed the authorities that they will be forced to demand the stevedoring contract for Kishon unless the commission appointed by the Government to decide on the matter gives its ruling soon.

At present, there is very little work even in the main port.

The Ministry of Transport said in Jerusalem last night that no ships had entered Kishon for the past few days because there were no small ships in Haifa Port.

BUSMEN CONFER WITH SAPHIR TODAY

Representatives of the bus cooperatives will meet with the Minister of Transport, Mr. Joseph Saphir, at 10 o'clock this morning in connection with the new bus fares and improvements in services, a spokesman of the Ministry told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He said he did not know when the new fares would go into effect.

An Egged spokesman said in Tel Aviv yesterday that he expected the new fares to come into effect on Friday.

Country Marks 'Day of the Sea'

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The importance of the sea for the country's security and economy was underlined today in the annual celebrations of the "Day of the Sea" throughout the country.

Special literature and posters were distributed to all schools, where discussions were held on the significance of the day. In the afternoon, 150 youngsters participated in the annual regatta on the Yarkon, Kol Yisrael broadcast special programmes, including two in South Africa, one by Mr. Abba Khoushy, Mayor of Haifa and Chairman of the Israel Maritime League, and the other by the Navy Commander, Aluf-Mishne Shmuel Tankus, who thanked South African Jewry for its wonderful reception of the frigate, Misgav, which visited South Africa recently.

Last night, prayers were said in synagogues for seamen who had lost their lives in the service.

The central celebrations, which were to have been held today in Tel Aviv Port were postponed owing to organisational difficulties within the port.

The Maritime League, now 18 years old, has close on 80,000 members in 400 branches, its Secretary, Dr. Z. Brender, told *The Jerusalem Post*. Its wide range of activities inclure a High School for officers in Acre, run in conjunction with the Navy and a number of Ministries. The School, which until recently was part of the Technion, provides instruction to 140 cadets who, after finishing their five-year course, are qualified to fill the rank of Third Officer in the Merchant Marine, or Lieutenant in the Navy. A boarding house is to be attached to the school, he said.

300 Student Tourists From Britain this Year

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Three hundred British students, double last year's number, are expected to visit Israel during the summer vacation, under various schemes conducted in cooperation with the British Zionist Federation. This was stated here today by Mr. E. Frankel, Hon. Treasurer of the Federation, who is on a visit to Israel.

Some 170 immigrants from Britain, about half of them young settlers on the land, were likely to come here in 1955, Mr. Frankel stated. Aliya had been the main theme of the recent annual national conference of the Federation, and special efforts were made to increase middle-class immigration.

Fund-raising campaigns for Israel had produced nearly £2,500,000 last year. In addition to this material sign of interest in Israel, the visitor suggested that another pointer was that Hebrew study was on the increase.

The Federation was giving £60,000 a year to its Israel office to assist in the settlement of British Jews here.

Haifa Takes Slight Turn to the Right

Final results of the Histadrut elections in Haifa, apart from soldiers and out-of-town votes, which have yet to be counted, are as follows: Mapai — 59.2 per cent; Ahdut Ha'avoda 13.2; Mapam — 12.2; General Zionists — 4.7; Haoved Hazioni — 4.6; Communists — 4.3; Haoved Hadati — 1.6.

The total vote was 68,754.

Results at the last Histadrut elections, in 1949, were; Mapai 60.81 per cent; Mapam 30.5; Haoved Hazioni 3.05; Communists 3.73; Haoved Hadati 1.92.

In Tel Aviv, the Histadrut Central Elections Board said that because tens of thousands of out-of-town and Army votes still had to be counted, the final results of the elections will not be announced for another two or three days.

I.Z.L. MOURNS WAR VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Memorial services for members of Irgun Zvai Leumi who fell in action or were executed in the struggle for independence were held in many parts of the country today, the fourteenth anniversary of the death of David Raziel, the Irgun Commander, while on a mission in Iraq.

The principal service took place at Ramat Raziel, in the Judean Hills, this evening.

Tomorrow, former members of I.Z.L. and members of Herut will attend services in Safad and Rosh Pina and in the death cell at Acre jail, where I.Z.L. men were executed.

Galin Pleads Not Guilty In Trial for Ma'agan Deaths

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The trial of Uri Galin, 26, pilot of the Piper Cub plane which crashed into a crowd during a memorial meeting at Kibbutz Ma'agan last July, causing the death of 17 persons, opened before District Court Judge B. Eshar here today.

Galin pleaded not guilty to the charge (Para 218 of the criminal code) of unintentionally causing the death of 17 persons by lack of precaution or by any rash or careless act not amounting to culpable negligence. His counsel, Mr. R. Turpaki, of Tel Aviv, stated that Galin was prepared to plead guilty to causing the death of one of the 17 persons. (This would enable him to avoid payment of claims for compensation from the families of the other victims). The Prosecutor and court rejected this and ordered Galin to stand trial for the full charge.

Mr. Y. Bahalul of the District Attorney's office recounted the details of the tragedy. The crash occurred at the memorial meeting for the parachutists who were killed on missions in enemy territory during World War II.

In the original programme, no planes were to have taken part, but the Aero Club asked to parachute a message to the assembly. Galin, who piloted one of the two Piper Cubs sent on the mission, was detailed to drop the message. He had taken a passenger, Avshalom Strud, who was not a trained pilot.

When he received the signal, Galin threw the message out of the plane's left window but it caught in the plane's landing gear. He made several attempts to release it, and before the final attempt handed the stick to Mr. Strud while he himself bent far out of the plane and succeeded in freeing it. He then flew over the target and dropped the message. It was then that the accident, which cost 17 lives, occurred.

The Prosecution would prove, Mr. Bahalul stated, that while he dropped the message the second time Galin had acted carelessly; that he had not ascertained the prevailing conditions, and had flown at less than regulation height at the time; that he had done so while the plane was flying at an angle and pointing groundwards, and that while releasing the message he had concentrated on dropping it and not on piloting the plane.

The Prosecution case was then opened by three witnesses.

The trial will be continued tomorrow.

Inspectors to Supervise Private Mental Homes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two women supervisors — one of them a social worker — have been appointed by the Ministry of Health to report on the economic and social conditions of the country's 11 private mental institutions, Dr. Eliezer Levinger, Assistant Director of the Ministry's Mental Hygiene Department, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Six of these institutions are in Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, (a seventh, the Levy Mental Home, was closed down last week because of its inferior conditions) while five are in the Sharon.

Those aspects to be supervised include food, sanitation and general material conditions on the one hand, and the attitude of the institutions to their patients on the other. Dr. Levinger stressed the advisory role of the two supervisors "whose mission is not to frighten but to give genuine aid to these mental hospitals."

The Ministry's long-range programme is to abolish those institutions where the approach to patients is entirely unacceptable and to make improvements in the others.

The six remaining homes at Givat Shaul have already been jolted into making improvements following the removal of 32 patients from the Levy Home last week, Dr. Levinger said. The patients were transferred to other institutions after a Ministry investigation revealed that the Home's conditions and treatment were sub-standard.

VISIT. — The Yemenite Regent, Seif el Islam Badr, arrived yesterday in Amman for a one-day visit.

SEASONAL DROP IN MEAT PRICES

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A seasonal drop in the price of meat has come about as a result of the weaning of young Arab cattle which has been followed by the sale of the older livestock.

The wholesale price of fresh meat to the retailer has been reduced from IL5.600 per kilogram to IL4.700, and the consumer has benefitted by a price decrease from IL7.000 a kilogram to between IL5.500 and IL6.000.

Claims Girl Led Him Astray Across the Border

"My girl friend muddled me up. She convinced me to run away with her to Jordan to get married. When we got there, she jilted me and married someone else. Then her family reported me to the police."

This plea was made by Mustafa Mukal, 19, of Jaffa, before Magistrate M. Haimovici in Jerusalem on Friday in his defence to a charge of illegally crossing the lines into Jordan.

Mukal said that after he was arrested last June, he was jailed for six months. He claimed to have been beaten for trying to help a Jew from Jerusalem, Yitzhak Mizrahi, who was in the same jail.

Police Sergeant Y. Elhanan, who prosecuted, said that Mukal's story was complete fiction.

Mukal was found guilty, and was sentenced to nine months in prison and fined IL500. *(Ittim)*

Cables in Brief

LUFTHANSA. — The reborn Lufthansa, West Germany's publicly owned airline, yesterday started its services to London and Madrid.

DEACTIVATED. — The U.S. Army announced yesterday that its huge Supply Command in Korea will be deactivated by June 30, as a result of redeployment of U.S. troops to other areas.

MINISTER. — Mr. Guido Navarrini has been appointed Italian Minister in Amman, it was announced in Rome yesterday.

BEATING. — The West Berlin Teachers Union published advertisements in all newspapers yesterday calling on parents to allow teachers to box the ears of school children "in exceptional cases." Caning and beating are forbidden by law.

RETURNING. — Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi of Egypt arrived in Colombo yesterday on his way home from the Bandung conference and a tour of the Far East. He leaves for home on Tuesday.

APPOINTMENT. — The Commonwealth Relations Office in London yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. Malcolm Macdonald as High Commissioner in India. He is now Commissioner-General in South-East Asia. He will take up his new post in September.

CLOSED. — Butterfield and Swire, a British firm which formerly had vast interests in China, has ceased functioning. The company wound up its business in China of its own accord, closing down all its offices in Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, and other major Chinese cities.

BAUDOUIN.—King Baudouin of the Belgians left Brussels by air last night for the Belgian Congo on his first official visit to the colony.

GENEVA WELCOMES I.P.O.

GENEVA, Sunday (Reuter). — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra began its Swiss tour before an enthusiastic audience in the Victoria Hall here last night.

Under the direction of Mr. Paul Paray, the programme included works of Bach, Tchaikovsky and Marc Lavry.

Earlier, the Orchestra members attended a reception given by the Israel Minister to Switzerland, Mr. Shmuel Tolkowsky, and Mme. Susanne Stroun. It was also attended by Mr. Ernest Ansermet, the well-known Swiss Orchestra leader, and members of the Geneva cantonal and city governments.

GAS BOMB BURNS NINE IN U.S. THEATRE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Sunday (UP). — A home-made bomb exploded in a crowded theatre here last night and nine persons were burned by what police said was a mixture of tear and mustard gas. The bomb, a glass bottle with a blasting cap as detonator and a watch as a timing device, was concealed under a rear seat.

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AUSTRIAN TREATY

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that her independence was a "common aim of all Europe."

Chancellor Julius Raab and all members of his Government this afternoon attended a solemn mass and a service of thanksgiving in St. Stephan's Cathedral in the centre of old Vienna. Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, of Britain, and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay, of France, attended the mass.

The magnificent rooms of Vienna's vast Schoenbrunn Palace, now used as a museum, sprang into life again tonight to regain some of the glitter and splendour of their old imperial days as some 1,200 guests of the Austrian Government met there to celebrate with music and singing, feasting and drinking Austria's "Day of Liberation."

Restaurants and bars in Vienna were packed. It was too wet for street dancing, but bands turned out despite the rain, and music blared all evening from the Stalin-Platz a few hundred yards from the Belvedere Palace.

The great reception was preceded by a dinner for the Foreign Ministers and their suites. Only 80 guests attended.

A sovereign, independent and democratic Austria will be able to resume a normal life. But the withdrawal of the occupation forces means that Austria will have to assume responsibilities for her own defence. The treaty places no limitations on the strength of her forces, but she is banned from possessing atomic and other mass-destruction weapons.

Austrian taxpayers will have to foot the bill to pay for an army and an air force, and the country will also have to pay $150m. for the release by the Russians of about 400 concerns taken over as German assets.

Austria will get back the right to her oilfields, but will have to hand over one million tons a year to the Russians for 10 years.

Brighter Outlook For Austrian Restitution

VIENNA, Sunday (INA). — The situation seems more hopeful after the representations made by the Jewish delegation at their last meeting with the Austrian Ministers on restitution.

The delegates pointed to some possible misapprehension arising from complications to be expected from new legislation on compensation to Nazi victims, although some improvements were visible. Since the new laws basically do not benefit wider categories, the Jews asked for more definitions.

Chancellor Julius Raab finally agreed to take the recommendations to the Ministers Council in order to reconsider the Austrian plans. The Cabinet Council will meet on Tuesday, and Dr. Raab will then communicate with the Jewish delegates.

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New Regime in Morocco Irritates France

SPAIN SEEKS ARAB GOODWILL

By WAYLAND YOUNG

TETUAN, (OFNS). — As tension in the French zone of Morocco increases, so does the calm and goodwill in the Spanish zone. If you ask either side, Spanish or Moroccan, why this is so, they will attribute it to racial and cultural affinity. There is a lot of truth in this. The logical French swept into their zone and started hustling everybody about; mines, skyscrapers; hospitals, schools, detention camps. The Spaniards strolled into their zone and did almost nothing. There is hardly any industry here, one iron mine behind Melilla. When a Moroccan from the French zone comes to the Spanish zone he is amazed to see Spanish goatherds, Spanish shoe-shine boys, Spanish muleteers.

Spain pays herself for about a third of her Moroccan budget, for both current expenditure and capital investment. (The French in all their North African territories shoulder all the capital investment costs but make a much smaller contribution to current expenditure). Spanish Morocco is a drain on the Spanish public funds and it is not, as is French Morocco, a source of wealth to private individuals and firms of the colonial Power. Spain occupied her zone in 1912 as a buffer State against France, and by French permission. But by now it is obvious that a French attack on Spain is not for this century. Spanish Morocco is small; there are only one million Moroccans and 60,000 Europeans, as against nine million and 800,000 respectively in French Morocco.

Fishing in Nationalist Waters

In fact, the stakes here are low, and it is not surprising that Spain has decided to gamble for external advantages. Two months ago, the Spanish administration here created a new Ministry of Social Affairs, and gave it to Abdul Khaleq Torres, the leader of the Islah (Reform) Party. (His name, that of an old Moorish family in Spain, is a symbol of Arab-Spanish contact). The Islah Party corresponds to the Istiqlal Party in the French zone, and it is as fiercely nationalist, and on equally good terms with Cairo.

Before they would collaborate with the Spanish authorities, the Islah demanded that General Garcia Valino, the Spanish High Commissioner and second to General Franco in the Falangist regime, should say publicly that Spanish policy aimed at eventual independence for all North Africa, and home rule for Spanish Morocco in the meantime. This he did. So Torres and his colleague, Abdullah Guennoun, as Minister of Justice, took office.

Ministers Wary

Since then, the Islah Ministers have been easing forward to see how far Spanish goodwill goes. They have not struck yet, and Torres says that he is amazed at the real power he is allowed. He is changing the prison regulations and even reviewing sentences. Guennoun has threatened all the native magistrates with dismissal if they do not put his new regulations into effect within four months.

Propaganda for the foundation of a Moroccan trade union movement is not impeded. The first Cabinet meeting in Moroccan history has just taken place, hitherto the Vizirs (Ministers with the Grand Vizir as Prime Minister) have worked in watertight compartments. A Ministry is being given to the Islah Party. Most striking of all, Torres is being allowed to dissolve the Djemaas, the basic local government councils, which the Spaniards admit are packed with their nominees, and to hold new elections later this year. The Spaniards continue, of course, to hold that the deposition of the Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef by the French was illegal.

One of the principal French grievances against the Spanish administration is that Istiqlal refugees are harboured in the Spanish zone. At present, there are something under a thousand of them. When a refugee crosses from the French zone he is first held for a few days by the Spanish authorities to make sure that he is not a French agent. Then he is released, and the Islah Party lodges him in a house rented for the purpose. He is fed by an organization of sympathizers, run by the Islah Party, who bind themselves to provide eight loaves and a dish of fat ten people at a certain interval. The sympathizers' wives do the cooking or, if they are single, they can pay a friend for his wife to do it. The fact that this interval is now as wide as three months, shows how much sympathy there is for the exiles. The system applies so far only to Tetuan, the capital, but a good half of the refugees are there.

In all this, Spain is playing a far more important game than the time-honoured one of annoying France. It gives the nationalists of all French North Africa the feeling that they have friends in both directions, in Cairo and Madrid. It pleases the Arab League and ties up with the visits of Spanish Ministers to the Middle East and of Arab monarchs to Spain. It reminds all Arabs of the Arabic words in the Spanish language, of the great Spanish cathedrals which used to be mosques, of the fact that it was the French, not the Spaniards, who stopped the advance of Islam into Europe in the — to an Arab — recent year of 732 A.D.

With this on the one side and the Hispanidad (Spanishness) of Latin America on the other, Spain has two strings to pull at the United Nations, of which she is not a member, and two other diplomatic counters to add to that of her strategic position in dealing with the United States.

For these great diplomatic advantages, Spain obviously considers it worth taking a few risks in a little stagnant belt of African mountains.

At the Theatre

Weak Tea and Apathy

Ohel presents Tea and Sympathy by Robert Anderson. Hebrew by B. Idde. Directed by B. Jonas Turkov. Setting: Genia Berger.

WHEN a play is translated from one language into another, it needs more than just a transposition of words to make it acceptable. The types of people, the things they do, their background and their actions must mean something to the strange audience. Of course, if the play is a great work of art, then it has meaning at any time, any place. Robert Anderson's "Tea and Sympathy" is a tender and delicate play which gained in importance in the United States by the beautiful directing of Elia Kazan, and the good acting of Deborah Kerr, in the principal role. As transferred into Hebrew, it has no such advantages. Jonas Turkov, who directed the Ohel production, is evidently aware of that theatre's tendency to over-act. He managed to get his actors to under-act to such a degree that they seemed to be playing in an hypnotic trance.

The setting of "Tea and Sympathy" is a boy's dormitory in a private school. Tom Lee, a particularly sensitive and unhappy adolescent, is persecuted by his fellow-students and even by his masters, because he does not completely conform to the accepted type of boys' school pupil. Laura Reynolds, the house-master's wife, has been warned that her role, as far as the boys were concerned, was to give them an occasional cup of tea and sympathy. Laura cannot bear to see Tom's ostracism and hurt, which is driving him to believe in the accusation of homosexuality with which he is being branded. In order to save him from complete frustration and despair she carries her sympathies far beyond the homoeopathic doses prescribed by the rules. In the process, she loses her husband, who persecutes Tom because he subconsciously sees in him the prototype of a self which he has rejected.

All of these complex psychological tangles seem very vague and unreal in Hebrew. It is not that the old saw "give a dog a bad name" cannot apply here and it is not because there is no homosexuality in Hebrew. Maybe it is because we think of boys' schools in terms of *Yeshivot*, where it would be inconceivable for attractive masters' wives to exercise their sympathies on a hapless student: or maybe it is because we think of homosexuality as confined to the underprivileged and the dissolute. Whatever the reason, it would require something much stronger than tea to arouse an audience into any measure of sympathetic appreciation for the present effort.

Valiant Effort

To Chaya Sharon, who played Laura Reynolds, must go some sympathy. She made a valiant effort to carry the entire performance on her capable shoulders. Since the play was particularly lacking in variety she introduced it by frequent and completely gratuitous changes in costume. Tom Lee was played by Uri Levy, a good-looking young man who acted most of the time as if he were about to burst into tears because someone had stolen his marbles. Simcha Zehoval, who played Bill Reynolds, was dressed in some of the most fantastic clothes that ever adorned a schoolmaster. His constant air of irritation seemed to be due to the fact that his strange white sweater itched. Jacob Canani acted Tom Lee's backslapping, hearty but confused father as if he were the principal mourner at a funeral and suffering from indigestion. Lilly Sears, the sexy wife of one of the other teachers was not badly played by Shifra Aharonowitz, but even she was too ladylike. The other boys in the dormitory were played by Daniel Ben-Shlomo, Hillel Neaman, Israel Avrahami and Oded Kotler. The workable but unexciting setting by Genia Berger added to the general air of gloom.

IDA B. DAVIDOWITZ

Yesterday's Press:

More Tourists And Longer Visits

WITH the Histadrut elections well over and done with, the editorial writers of the daily press have returned to more routine subjects: "Davar" (Histadrut) devotes its leader to the 13th Day of the Sea, surveys progress in Haifa port and in fishing, and praises the sailors of the "Bat Galim." "Herut" commemorates the fallen members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, whose names it lists on its front page, as it does on each anniversary.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) says that the present tourist season has been the most successful one so far. More than 7,500 tourists, or 24 per cent more than two years ago, came to Israel during the month of April; and the average tourist stayed over longer too. The reasons for this encouraging development are a realistic rate of exchange, which makes a stay in Israel comparatively inexpensive; the general economic improvement (tourists do not like countries in a state of crisis) and the fact that not a few new hotels have come into being during the past few years and that the general level of hotelkeeping has risen, though further progress is needed.

"Omer" (Histadrut) comments on the European tour of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, on exhibitions of Israel painters abroad, etc., and stresses the importance of such cultural missions. "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) regrets that Mr. Bar Yehuda's proposals for guaranteeing the fairness of the Knesset elections have not been adopted and says that there should be no pressure whatsoever on the voter.

Commenting on Mr. Eric Johnston's forthcoming new visit, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that the interest of the Arab governments in Middle Eastern water resources is purely destructive. They were not interested in exploiting them all through the centuries, and they are not now. Their sudden interest is purely political, and the Syrians have even argued that they have a strategic interest in the preservation of the status quo.

The very moment agreement seems to be near, the Arab rulers raise new political objections. The paper thinks that not even the greatest water experts in the world will be able to find a solution, for the source of the evil is not some technical issue or misunderstanding but the vested interest of the Arab lords in their reactionary rule, in enmity to Israel and in backwardness.

In their main headlines all yesterday's papers deal with the impending Soviet visit to Belgrade. The only exception is "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) which had only recently quoted the Party Secretary, Mr. Mikunis, who said that nothing had changed in the Soviet attitude towards the Titoist clique and that it was the latter that had been compelled to modify its stand somewhat.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) says that the new Soviet move is regarded by many Western observers as an encouraging sign for it tends to show that Russian representatives may now be willing to make real compromises at an East-West meeting: If Khrushchev is now willing even to go to Belgrade he may be ready to adopt a more realistic attitude towards the West than hitherto.

Prisoners Can Be Honest Citizens

State Supports Rehabilitation Society

THE urgent need for taking special care of the criminal, especially the juvenile offender, both during the time of his imprisonment and after his release, the importance of improving his home environment, of finding steady work for him and preventing his relapse as long as it may be individually necessary, of teaching him a profession, trade or handicraft whilst he is under detention, are now well understood. The Prisoners' Aid Society, which has recently been formed, is no longer left to its own devices. It has found a sympathetic supporter in the Government, which has now approved a substantial grant for its purposes. The Society is headed by prominent members of the Bench and Bar and is relying on the assistance and co-operation of voluntary workers, of the police, of probation officers, doctors, psychiatrists and prospective employers.

Last week I accompanied the President of the District Court, the Chief Magistrate and police authorities to a performance given by the prisoners at the Ramle Prison and attended by the District Attorney, members of his office, and authorities and persons interested in the prisoners' welfare.

Healthy, handsome young people peered at us through the cell-door wickets as we passed through the corridors of the prison. The Prison Superintendent told us about the work they were doing, the workshops in which they were trained, all with a view to making them capable of earning an honest living.

Everything for the performance had been prepared by the prisoners themselves. Most of the actors were young, they knew their parts well, they showed good minds and memories, capable of interpreting the author's ideas with intelligence and feeling; yet all of them had committed offences requiring their segregation from society. Two of the men had committed capital offences, and they were the best actors.

Two humorous pieces on the prison problem, by Tolstoy and O'Henry, had been transcribed for the stage by one of the prisoners, who also wrote an allegorical fantasy. The first act of the play "Is there Justice?" by Yigal Mossensohn, who was himself present in the audience, was performed very competently.

Art in Prison

What had actually prompted me to visit the prison was a small well-done gouache I had seen in Tel Aviv. I had been told it was the work of one of the prisoners; I was little prepared for what awaited me on my arrival. I stood speechless with admiration before the murals which covered the walls. The size of the paintings, their colour, daring, composition and execution showed the hand of a master. Two friezes representing figures from the Zodiac and other animals were extraordinary in their drawing and imagination. One of the two large murals in the recreation hall was carried out in the scratching technique used in woodcuts or boardscratching, giving it a most interesting texture. My amazement grew when I saw the artist's stage decors which achieved the desired effect with the greatest economy of means.

All this was the work of a youth of 24, who had already spent two of his six years' sentence in prison. I must say to the credit of the prison authorities that they soon learned to appreciate his talent, have supplied him with painting materials and are allowing him to devote himself entirely to art (he may become an object of envy to many an artist who has to struggle to keep body and soul together). Here we have a case of a highly intelligent, gifted and dangerous young criminal. Shall we be able to help him? He may become one of the great artists of this country if we can straighten him out. He is worth fighting for, but there are others, less gifted and equally unfortunate, and it is our duty, to them and to society and to the State, to make the crime they have committed their last one.

S.M.-V.

Readers' Letters

SUMMER TIME

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Summer time was introduced as a daylight saving device. If it is supposed to last for three months, then the three months of the longest days of the year should be set aside for it in order to make the fullest use of the putting forward of the clock. Those precious three months happen to be between May and August 6. Authorities who set the date of summer time between June and September 11 not only seem to overlook this fact but also the other, rather awkward situation that the latter three-month period roughly coincides with the three hottest months of the year in which summer time means not so much saving daylight as, rather, compressing even more heat into the working day. And this is surely not the intention of our authorities.

Yours, etc.
JOSEPH HIRSCH

Haifa, May 4.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was very glad to read, in your issue of April 19, the suggestion of a Reader that Israel establish an Animal Sanctuary in Galilee for neglected, maimed and worn-out animals — like humans, they should be "pensioned" and allowed to enjoy a peaceful old age.

But it is not necessary to wait until this stage sets in before these pathetic, dumb creatures receive considerate treatment from those whose livelihood they help to make. I refer especially to the horses and small donkeys pulling carts — often municipal ones. I have seen merciless overloading, misfitted "bits" and harness, and maltreatment causing unnecessary suffering.

People are continually telling me that Israel is much too busy trying to mitigate human misery and suffering and hasn't time to worry about animals — and that animal distress is a minor matter. This is untrue and inhuman. Israel is great enough to add lustre to her laurels by caring also for her animal population and by teaching children to love and care for them.

Yours, etc.,
LILY FLAKS

Haifa, April 22.

POLICE EFFICIENCY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a traveller who has seen quite a good part of the world, each time I come to Israel — and this is my third visit — I become more aware of what an amazing country it is. The following incident serves as proof.

Last Thursday I left my camera in a taxi which did not belong to a regular firm and of which I did not have the name or licence number of the driver. I remembered only a few particulars of the driver's appearance. Anywhere else in the world I would have written off the camera as a dead loss. However, next day I gave the particulars to the Yehuda Halevi Police Station. An hour later, the police reported to me that the camera had been recovered.

I am amazed at the speed and efficiency displayed by the Israel Police, of which the country can truly be proud — as can every visitor from abroad.

Yours etc.
HARRY BRAUDO

Sharon Hotel, April 30.

INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In recent years public interest in space-travel has grown by leaps and bounds. As a consequence of this widespread interest, Interplanetary Societies have been founded in many countries, with Britain and the U.S.A. taking the lead. It is therefore high time that Israel should join in fostering this development.

I propose that an Israel Interplanetary Society be founded forthwith and as a first step, I ask all those who live in the Greater-Haifa area and are interested in this field, scientists and laymen alike, to join with me in setting up such a club. My address is Shikun Beth Meshutaf D/8, Morde-getaot Street, Kiryat Motzkin.

Yours, etc.
JACOB KAEWAN

Kiryat Motzkin, May 8.

NOISE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It seems to have become a custom with all sorts of political institutions to have recourse to public loud-speakers, for any reason and at any opportunity, in order to bellow their supposedly "musical" programmes through the streets of the city. And it also seems that the authorities concerned see no harm in this devastating noise and allow all such shouting competitions. No harm done to the citizen who is robbed of his evening rest and often of his early sleeping hours?

This is a question which should be clarified publicly, before the tumult of elections sets in.

Yours, etc.
HANE RUMMLER

Jerusalem, May 2.

MARRIAGES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Too little is known about the restrictions imposed by the Rabbinate on religious marriages. Apart from the ban on "mixed" marriages, and those between a Cohen and a widow or divorcee, there is also the barbarous rule which brands as "deadly" (*pasul*) a woman who has had the misfortune of being widowed twice, (but not a man who may have lost two wives successively) and bars her from a third marriage.

Yours, etc., M. TRAUBNER

Tel Aviv, May 6.

At the Cinema

JOAN Fontaine appeared in Jerusalem only three weeks ago, in "Decameron Nights," but it is only one step from Boccaccio to "Casanova's Big Night" (Zion). As Pippo Popolito, a journeyman tailor, hired to impersonate Casanova, Bob Hope creates a big political intrigue, with an embroidered petticoat as *corpus delicti*. One of the secret formulas which he pronounces over and over is "Farfel, farfel, pippik," which sounded less mysterious to this reviewer. Basil Rathbone plays the Doge.

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The Unsuspected Murderer

By Ephraim Kishon

ONE evening last week, as darkness fell and mothers began to worry about the whereabouts of their *sabra* brats, the door of my flat flew open and Shulteiss banged in, a wild look in his eyes. I looked up from the income-tax pamphlet I was perusing and could hardly believe my eyes: Shulteiss the Great, Shulteiss the Famous, the man with steel wires for nerves, and, if anything, too much self-reliance, had turned into a limp, trembling creature with the mute fear of a hunted deer in its eyes.

"Shulteiss," I exclaimed, "for God's sake, what's the matter with you?"

Shulteiss warily looked left and right, then answered in a trembling voice:

"I am persecuted. He wants to drive me crazy..."

"Who?"

"I have no idea who," Shulteiss mumbled. "There is no way of finding out, no way of defending myself. He must be the devil in person. He methodically destroys me, and what's worse, he's doing it in my own name..."

"What?!"

Shulteiss dropped into an armchair and started his nightmarish tale of woe.

"ONE morning about a year ago," Shulteiss began, "I was awakened by the persistent honking of a taxi. After sounding his horn for several minutes, the driver came up to my flat and started pounding on the door. As I opened, he roared: what did I mean by ordering a taxi if I had no intention of using it...?"

Shulteiss took a deep breath. "Obviously," he continued, "I had not ordered any taxi. The trouble is that in our country people believe each other! If you go to a taxi station, or just put in a phone call, nobody will doubt your identity. Taxis will start flowing to the address you give, even if it is completely phoney. To cut a long story short, by 8 a.m. 14 taxis had come to take me to work. The neighbourhood has not yet forgotten the row those drivers kicked up. With two of them I still have law-suits pending... I began to realise that somebody was using my name to drive me nuts."

I felt a cold shiver running down my spine.

"The cavalcade of taxi cabs was just the beginning of my ordeal," Shulteiss continued. "From that moment on, he gave me no respite. My tormentor replied to newspaper advertisements, ordering — in my name — lottery tickets, lexicons, encyclopaedias, household articles, cosmetics, pills, muscle-building apparatus, language teachers, couches, coffins, flowers, would-be brides, in short — anything one can order by postcard or phone call. But that is still not everything! Three times, he registered my name with the "Association of Ethiopian Immigrants," the "Union of Siberians" and the "Club for Keeping Family Life Pure." He also contacted the Youth Aliya in my name and adopted two Moroccan orphans..."

"But how is it possible that nobody suspects him?"

"That's just it. Nobody suspects him, because it does not occur to anybody that my letters are not written by myself, that it is not I who is speaking on the phone, but my murderer..."

Tears were rolling down Shulteiss' cheeks as he uttered the last words.

"And the pace is stepped up day by day! As it is a well-known fact that I am a veteran Mapai member, he subscribed in my name to "Kol Ha'am" and had it delivered at the office. He also sent a registered letter in which he notified the Mapai Central Committee that I was quitting because of the widespread corruption within the party. I could hardly make them take me back. I learned later that I had been an "Agudat Yisrael" candidate at the Ramle municipal elections... My name has become a by-word of depravity. Until June, I was known as an observant Jew, but since then, I am the disgrace of our neighbourhood."

"Why? What happened?"

"One morning, while I was at the office, two Catholic monks from Nazareth showed up in my flat and in full sight of my neighbours sprinkled holy water on the furniture and on my kosher kitchen ware. I found out that the fiend had made small contributions to the Nazareth "Virgin Mary's Sorority" and at the proper time had invited the monks to my flat..."

Shulteiss crumpled up in my easy chair like a wrung dish rag, his teeth chattering in a syncopated beat.

"He denounced my father-in-law," Shulteiss continued, "naturally in my name, for smuggling in Swiss watches, and what's worse, the charge proved true... He is hatching his plots with satanic cunning. For instance, he sent a letter to my office head, giving my name as the sender, but in the envelope he put a note to a friend of mine, in which the office-head is mentioned as a "helpless half-wit." This trick created the obvious impression that I had by mistake switched the envelopes... Every week, he advertises that I want to let a furnished room for IL8 per month, without key-money, or that I am looking for an expert, Hungarian-speaking cook... The Electric Company is cutting off my electricity once every two months, because he notifies it that I am emigrating to Rumania... The devil also tried to send letters abroad, with five-pound notes concealed in the envelopes. The police is investigating me at present... My poor wife is in hospital with a chronic nervous breakdown, because 'the police' regret' ly notified her that I had hanged myself in a Jaffa house of ill repute..."

Shulteiss broke into convulsive sobs. Panic gripped me and horrible thoughts chased through my head.

"During the elections, he sent a circular letter to all my acquaintances, in which 'I declared' that I should vote for the Householders' List, as I considered them and only them to be imbued with a truly progressive spirit. Nobody any longer greets me, people cut me dead in the street. The situation has become critical since the autumn manoeuvres, when two military policemen dragged me out of my bed because I had written the Chief of Staff that I refused to participate for reasons of convenience..."

At that point, I was no longer able to restrain myself.

"But who is playing all these dirty tricks on you?" I exploded.

"I have no idea!" Shulteiss roared back. "There is no way of finding out! Perhaps it is you! ... How should I know? I'll soon become a lunatic asylum inmate anyway!"

Shulteiss stayed for another 15 minutes, then staggered into the night. I wanted to hold him back, but a strange torpor had nailed me to my seat. All Shulteiss' mishaps seemed strangely familiar. Who could be his anonymous tormentor? Was it not by any chance—myself...?

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